

Wednesdays @ CCCL

Crossroads: Through the Bible in 1 Year

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Mark

1. Means: Warlike, hammer, defender 2. Faith-Track Verses: 8:34-38

3. Who wrote Mark Mark When AD 60 No. of Chapters 16 Type of Lit Narrative
Peter's interpreter (Papias) covers AD 26-30 Audience: Christians in Rome

4. Timeline of Biblical Events

Creation 4000 BC	Job/Abraham 2100 BC	Moses 1400 BC	David 1000 BC	Israel fall 722	Judah fall 606 70 yrs	Temple 536	Mark 400	CHRIST 05 BC-28 AD	Jerusalem Fall 70 AD	Revelation 90s AD
(empires) Sumer / Egypt			Assyria 900	Babylon 612	Media-Persia 536	Greece / Rome 312	} Daniel 2:38-45, 7:3-28 ▼ 63 BC			
(emperors) Sargon / Hammurabi			Buddha / Confucius				Alexander / Maccabees (332-176 BC)			

5. What was happening when Mark was written? Mark was probably written during the time of Nero's persecution of Christians in Rome, but prior to the fall of Jerusalem. He is reminding them of Jesus' suffering, and encouraging them through their own.

6. What issues does Mark raise? Servanthood of believers (8:34-38; 9:33-37; 10:35-45); miracles – Jesus was a man of action, not just words; spreading of the gospel by example – Jews first, other Gentiles (5:1-20), Syrians (7:24-30) – and by message (16:15-16); keywords: immediately, at once, straightforward

7. What are the themes or doctrines of Mark? Jesus presented as: Son of Man, suffering servant (cf 10:45) Belief/faith (man through roof 2:1-5; woman hem of robe 5:24-34; raising girl 5:36; Nazareth 6:1-6; miraculous sign 8:11-21; help my unbelief 9:24; blind man 10:52; prayer faith 11:22-25); more time is spent talking about Jesus' miracles than Jesus' words.

8. Outline of Mark

- I. Preparation of Jesus (1:1-13)
- II. Message and Ministry of Jesus (1:14-13:37)
 - a. Jesus' ministry in Galilee (1:14-7:23)
 - b. Jesus' ministry beyond Galilee (7:24-10:52)
 - c. Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem (11:1-13:37)
- III. Death and Resurrection of Jesus (14:1-16:20)

9. What passage captures the central idea of Mark? 10:44-45 – Jesus came as a servant, an example to us

10. Why do you think God put Mark in the Bible? An account of the life of Christ for those not from a Jewish background and unfamiliar with Jewish traditions. Some of the Jewish customs and geography are explained (cf. 7:2-4; 13:3; 14:12; 15:42; terms: 3:17; 5:41; 7:11 & 34; 14:36; 15:22)

11. Who is JESUS in Mark? Jesus as the Son of Man, the Suffering Servant

12. What application from Mark can I make to my life? Living a life of humility, serving others

13. What prayer should I pray? Lord, my life is not my own, but Yours. Let me live for Your glory, serving people for You.

14. What action should I take? Live a life that lives up to the words that you speak. Help those who need it.

15. What sin should I avoid? The sin of pride and thinking you are better than those around you.

16. Who can I help from Mark? Unbelievers How? Look at the life that Christ lived – He was more than a teacher.

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